



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

October 2021

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." - Walt Whitman



11 neighborhoods held meetings in October

	Future	Past
Kennedy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on neighborhood center renovations.Waiting on neighborhood plan to be finalized	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held Neighborhood planning sessions October 5th, 16th and 24th
River Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalizing t shirt designHolding food drive November 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Neighborhood T shirt design contest heldHalloween house decoration contest held
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on neighborhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussions about developing a neighborhood plan
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Neighborhood Halloween EventWaiting on neighborhood plan to be finalized	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SBPD came to talk about neighborhood safety and crimeNeighborhood discussed Williams St affordable housing complex
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on neighborhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held Barnaby's buy back night on October 20thDiscussion about developing a neighborhood plan and land bank
NENC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waiting on neighborhood plan to be finalizedWork continues on firehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robinson Center opening and dedication
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waiting on neighborhood plan to be finalized	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Traffic calming implemented in October
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update from Enfocus on SOAR Digital Engagement Project/toolkit at Nov 9th meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held fall Cleanup on October 16thGave out free lead tests at Neighborhood MeetingUpdate from city on Dubail Street construction

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Neighborhoods Consortium

The October Neighborhood's Consortium meeting was attended by 15 neighborhood associations and area organizations. Based upon feedback, separate lines of communication will now be formed for business associations and CDCs within the city. Neighborhood plans continue to be worked on, with 1-2 neighborhood plans to be completed in the year going forward. If your NA is interested in a neighborhood plan, send a brief email with your NA's priorities to planning@southbendin.gov.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Citywide Classroom

Students who are enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in and fill out the application over the phone.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org, call or text 574-703-188, or email info@citywideclassroomsb.org

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. NAs can receive **free technical assistance** from CoSB to set up this software. NAs can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and live stream in-person meetings.

To apply, visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BsvdvkktEG>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance



The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>, where you can find local assistance programs and contact information. If you have any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Know Anyone? 2 Great Positions!



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Public Health, Public Good

Do you love your community and want to play a vital part in improving your neighborhood's health and well-being?

WE NEED YOU ON OUR TEAM!

Where to apply:

sjcindiana.com - Job Postings - Health Department - Community Health Worker

Contact for questions: 574-245-6744



POSITION: Community Health Worker (CHW) with St. Joseph County Department of Health. Check out job positings at sjcindiana.com.

POSITION: Sustainability Project Manager with the City of South Bend's Department of Community Investment. Check out job postings on the "Employment" section at southbendin.gov.

Lead Programs

LEAD SAFE SOUTH BEND



Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed by qualified contractors at no cost! If you meet the following requirements, you might be eligible:

- Your owner-occupied or rental housing unit was built before 1978 and is located within South Bend city limits,
- Annual household income, for all adults 18 and older, is below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development – see the table below, and
- A child under 6 lives in or frequently visits the house, or a pregnant woman lives in the house.*

* Addressing lead in houses where a child under 6 can be exposed is a priority, however units without a child under 6 may still be eligible (including vacant rentals). These units are considered low-priority and will only be assisted if funding is available.

	1-Person Household	2-Person Household	3-Person Household	4-Person Household	5-Person Household	6-Person Household	7-Person Household	8-Person Household
80% AMI	\$41,200	\$47,050	\$52,950	\$58,800	\$63,550	\$68,250	\$72,950	\$77,650

* Income limits are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to change at any time.

If you are interested in the Lead Protection Program you can reach out to the City by visiting www.southbendin.gov/leadsafesouthbend, by emailing kttus@southbendin.gov, or by calling 574-235-5826.



Emergency Rental Assistance Program

St. Joseph County's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is designed to decrease evictions, increase housing stability, and prevent homelessness by helping tenants whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 with rent and utility payments.

ERA can provide eligible tenants with up to twelve (12) months of rental assistance. Utility assistance may also be provided to qualifying applicants for past due utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash) and home energy (fuel oil, wood, coal, pellets, and propane) expenses.

Link to ERA application:
<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant-spanish>

Link to ERA application for landlords:
<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-landlord-entry>

Questions?

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What's Happening in South Bend?

SMALL DEVELOPER EDUCATION SERIES



*All Free and All Virtual:
Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00*

**FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB**

Winter 2021/2022

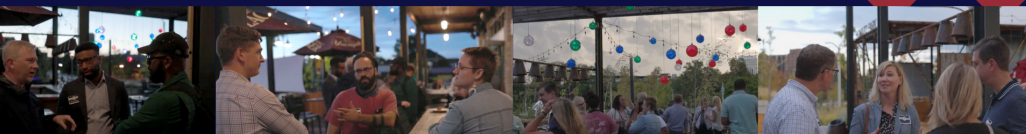
Nov 17 - Business & Team Setup
Dec 15 - Properties & Pathways
Jan 19 - Architecture & Design
Feb 16 - Investment Evaluation

Spring 2022

March 16 - Real Estate Law
April 20 - Building & Zoning Codes
May: Networking Event - TBD
May 18 - Rehabbing Basics

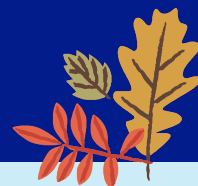
Summer 2022

June 15 - Site Work & Concerns
July 20 - Finding and Managing Investors
Aug 17 - Working with Contractors
Sept 21 - Leases, Tenants, and Property Management



Leaf Pickup

- RELEAF program will run Nov 1st - Dec 10th
- Check southbendin.gov/fallreleaf for the pickup schedule
- Residents WILL NOT need to call to request a pickup.
- Leaves need to be free of sticks, trash and other debris
- Call 311 if you have any questions.



Now is the best time to consider putting solar on your home or business, while net metering is still available and the federal tax credit has been extended.

Interested in learning more? Go visit the site below:

solarunitedneighbors.org/NorthernIndiana

"It's a great time to go solar!"

- Free, vendor-neutral guidance from nonprofit solar experts
- Access to a discounted group rate on your system installation
- A team that solicits and reviews proposals with you
- Cost savings, energy freedom, and cleaner air and water!



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What's Happening in South Bend?

Have you gotten your monthly checks for raising kids with the Child Tax Credit yet?

You could get up to \$3,600 per child under 6 years old and up to \$3,000 per child between 6 and 17 years old from the government.

Who qualifies?

Almost all families qualify for the Child Tax Credit. Even families that haven't filed a tax return or don't have recent income. Anyone with a child who has a Social Security number can get the Child Tax Credit, even if they don't have a Social Security number themselves.



How do I get the credit?

If you haven't gotten your credit yet, you will need to send your info to the IRS. Visit [GetCTC.org](https://getctc.org), call 211 or use the QR code to learn more about how to get your money!



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URBAN GROWER & FOOD ENTREPRENEUR NETWORKING SERIES

Join us for a catered event hosted by the City of South Bend and St. Joe County Purdue Extension to network with subject matter experts.

The event features rotating roundtable discussions where participants learn about zoning, health department regulations, expanding or improving your growing operations and more.

Location:

Charles Martin Youth Center
802 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, Indiana 46616

Time: 7-9PM



To RSVP for the event click here:
<https://bit.ly/networksjc>



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